

III. REMARKS

Preliminary Remarks

Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 1 to 15 will be pending of which claim 1 is independent. Claims 1, 6, 7, 9, and 10 are amended; claims 12 to 15 are new. Support for the claim amendments and the new claims can be found in the specification and claims as originally filed (see, for example, original claims 1 to 11). Therefore, the applicants believe that no new matter is added.

The specification was objected to for the misspelling of the word "group" and for the grammatically incorrect phrase "since they allow to". The specification is amended to spell the word "group" correctly and to introduce the grammatically correct phrase "since they allow one to". In view of these amendments to the specification, the applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the pending objection.

Claim 7 was objected to for a number of informalities. This claim is amended to overcome these informalities and the applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the pending objection.

This response is filed within the shortened statutory period for response, no fee due. The applicants respectfully request consideration and allowance of the present application.

Patentability Remarks

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112 –

Claims 1 to 11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, for being indefinite. These claims are amended as follows:

- in claims 1 and 6, the narrower ranges are removed and are the subject of the new dependent claims;
- claim 9 is amended to be dependent from claim 7; and
- claim 10 is amended to better correspond to U.S. patent practice.

In view of the amendments to the claims, the applicants respectfully submit that the claims are not indefinite and request withdrawal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

IV. CONCLUSION

In view of the amendments and remarks above, the applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance and request favorable action thereon.

In the event that this response is not timely filed, the applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for this extension, along with any additional fees that are required with respect to this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 01-2300, referencing Attorney Docket No. 108910-00119.

Respectfully submitted,

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